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SUBJ: JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON ILO

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2. AMB WALKER NOTED THAT JAMAICA HAD VOTED TO TREAT THE ARTICLE 17 ISSUE IN THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS THE DELIBERATE DECISION OF JAMAICA'S TOP GOVERNMENT AND LABOR LEADERS, EVEN THOUGH IT RAN COUNTER TO WHAT MOST OF THE G-77 COUNTRIES WANTED TO DO AND WHAT HE, HIMSELF, WOULD HAVE ADVISED THE DELEGATION TO DO ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THE POINT HE WAS MAKING

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END OF THE CONFERENCE AND HE SAID HE REGRETTED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THE IMEC COUNTRIES TO TAKE THE STRUCTURE ISSUE INTO ACCOUNT, ALONG WITH AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON ARTICLE 17.

3. AMB WALKER CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION HAS SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING ABOUT A NEW ATMOSPHERE IN NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS, THAT THERE IS NOW HOPE THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE DESPITE CYNICS IN THE THIRD WORLD WHO WARN THAT THE RHETORIC HAS CHANGED BUT NOT THE SUBSTANCE, AND THAT EVERYONE IS LOOKING TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP. HE FEARED THIS FRAGILE ATMOSPHERE OF HOPE AND EXPECTATION WOULD BE DESTROYED IF THE UNITED STATES WERE NOW TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO AND THAT THE CYNICS WOULD USE SUCH A DECISION TO UNDERMINE GROWING CONFIDENCE IN US OUTREACH TO THE LDCS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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BRZEZINSKI; WHITE HOUSE FOR JORDAN, WATSON, EISENSTAT; IO FOR
ASST SECY MAYNES, DEPUTY ASST SECY DALLEY AND ALLISON PALMER;
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